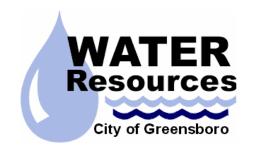


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CITY OF GREENSBORO RECEIVES HIGH MARKS ON WATER QUALITY

GREENSBORO, NC (June 17, 2004) – The City of Greensboro's annual water quality report, the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), will be delivered to Greensboro residents this week. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act amendments, mandates that all municipal water systems provide a CCR to their customers for calendar year 2003 by July 1, 2004. The CCR provides information about where water comes from, possible substances in the water, and compliance with state and federal limits. It also gives specific public health information, enabling consumers to make informed decisions regarding any potential health risks related to the use of their public drinking water. The City of Greensboro had clean, safe drinking water for 2003 and continues to provide superior water quality to residents.

"Greensboro's water is regularly tested and monitored by our highly skilled water treatment professionals," says Allan Williams, Water Resources Director. "Our employees work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We have continually exceeded all federal and state drinking water standards," he adds. "We have always been committed to providing our customers with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water," says Steve Drew, Water Supply Manager. "We're pleased to report that our testing shows the excellent quality of our water, and we are very proud to announce that our water system had no violations," he goes on to say.

To obtain a report please call the Water Resources department at 373-7610 or visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/water/.

The City of Greensboro works in partnership with the community to build an increased quality of life for all residents by fostering an environment where inclusion, diversity, and trust are valued. As the seventh largest employer in Greensboro, the City has a dedicated professional staff of 2700 employees who maintain four core values of honesty, integrity, stewardship, and respect. The City of Greensboro is governed by a council-manager form of government where a mayor and eight council members act as the legislative body. For more information on the City of Greensboro, please visit us online at www.greensboro-nc.gov.